

Five Rivers Bee Club Monthly Minutes October19, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President, Lonnie Perry, at the Hardy Civic Center in Hardy Arkansas at 6:30 P.M. CST.

Johnny Niswonger did opening prayer.

Jacque English gave treasurer report: Current balance \$351.48

Bob Stone made motion to accept the minutes as posted, William Kaelber 2nd, all approved.

We had 33 in attendance: 27 members, 3 adult guests, and 3 children

Our Annual Potluck was a great success. There was loads of great tasting food.

While we ate, we showed an interview Lonnie did with an 11 year old who has received his Master Beekeeper Certificate. His name is Gavin Guy and lives in Texas. Gavin's Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/beesomeonehoney/>

Scott & Belinda Tippitt donated this BEAUTIFUL complete beehive to be raffled off. Tickets are \$5.00 / each or 6 tickets for \$20.00.



Their daughter did the painting and detail work. The drawing will be held at our December 21st monthly meeting. We accept [PayPal](#), to purchase tickets. If you do pay by this means, I, Jacque, will write your name on the tickets and enter into raffle. Your copy of the ticket(s) will be given to you at our next meeting. If you are out of the area, you can still enter the raffle, but if you win, arrangements need to be made to pick it up, if you cannot attend the meeting.

If you purchase through [PayPal](#), please comment which item(s) you wanted, since we have other items in our store to purchase.

If you wish to sell tickets, if you are out and about, let me (Jacque) know and I can give you some tickets to have on hand to sell. Attached will be a flyer for you to print and hang at stores, restaurants, church, etc.

Lonnie spoke about the Bee Conference. He and a few others members went and had a good time.

Lonnie said the first day, he was asked at least 15 times from folks, where is Five Rivers Bee Club. The tee shirts worked and sparked interaction with our members. The most impressive thing he saw and learned was bees stay in the hive until their last 7 ½ days of life, then they leave the hive to collect nectar. How you ask? Little transmitter scanners were placed on bees and observed over a period of time. Amazing stuff.

A high school student talked about the benefits of mushrooms for honeybees. William spoke to us about that at one of our meetings and passed out his recipe for his mushroom drink. Recipes are available on pdf page of website.

Jacque brought in a box full of wooden frames, 3 green pollen frames, foundation inserts (black ones and yellow ones) to be raffled off at the next meeting. She is replacing the wooden frames with the all plastic ones and does not require the old ones anymore. The tickets are \$1.00 / each.

Jacque English spoke to Hardy City Hall about the BEE AWARENESS FAIR at the Civic Center. They have no problem with that. They offered up dates through the end of this year and next year is pretty open. She did not commit to any dates until she sees what the membership would like to do.

William met with the Historical Society who is now taking over the Homesteaders event the first week in October.

We are thinking it would be a good idea to have both our events at the same time. It would be more foot traffic and give us a year to prepare.

Andy Birdsell and John Frazier are working on a bill to submit to Arkansas Legislation about a tax credit for having honeybees. Anyone interested in helping with this, please contact Andy at 870.847.0986 or birdselladj@yahoo.com

Reminder that nominations for our 2022 officers will be next month. So think who you would like to see as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large, and Master at Arms.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. CST

Next meeting is November 16, 2021

Location 301 Main Street - Hardy AR 72542 (Hardy Civic Center)

Video of meetings and past minutes can be accessed at <http://5rbc.net/Minutes/2021.html>

Minutes submitted by Jacque English

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